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"AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS."

1 Strike lines 1 to 80, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
4 "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;
5 "department" means the Department of Public Health; "healthcare
6 associated infection" means any localized or systemic condition
7 resulting from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious
8 agent or its toxin that (1) occurs in a patient in a healthcare setting, (2)
9 was not found to be present or incubating at the time of admission
10 unless the infection was related to a previous admission to the same
11 health care setting, and (3) if the setting is a hospital, meets the criteria
12 for a specific infection site, as defined by the National Centers for
13 Disease Control; and "hospital" means a hospital licensed under
14 chapter 368v of the general statutes.

15 (b) There is established a Committee on Healthcare Associated
16 Infections, which shall consist of the commissioner or the
17 commissioner's designee, and the following members appointed by the
18 commissioner: Two members representing the Connecticut Hospital
19 Association; two members from organizations representing health care
20 consumers; two members who are either hospital-based infectious
21 disease specialists or epidemiologists with demonstrated knowledge
22 and competence in infectious disease related issues; one representative
23 of the Connecticut State Medical Society; one representative of a labor
24 organization representing hospital based nurses; and two public
25 members. All appointments to the committee shall be made no later
26 than August 1, 2006, and the committee shall convene its first meeting
27 no later than September 1, 2006.

28 (c) On or before April 1, 2007, the Committee on Healthcare
29 Associated Infections shall:

30 (1) Advise the department with respect to the development,
31 implementation, operation and monitoring of a mandatory reporting
32 system for healthcare associated infections;

33 (2) Identify, evaluate and recommend to the department
34 appropriate standardized measures, including aggregate and facility
35 specific reporting measures for healthcare associated infections and
36 processes designed to prevent healthcare associated infections in
37 hospital settings and any other healthcare settings deemed appropriate
38 by the committee. Each such recommended measure shall, to the
39 extent applicable to the type of measure being considered, be (A)
40 capable of being validated, (B) based upon nationally recognized and
41 recommended standards, to the extent such standards exist, (C) based
42 upon competent and reliable scientific evidence, (D) protective of
43 practitioner information and information concerning individual
44 patients, and (E) capable of being used and easily understood by
45 consumers; and

46 (3) Identify, evaluate and recommend to the Department of Public

47 Health appropriate methods for increasing public awareness about
48 effective measures to reduce the spread of infections in communities
49 and in hospital settings and any other healthcare settings deemed
50 appropriate by the committee.

51 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2007,
52 the Department of Public Health shall, within available appropriations,
53 implement the recommendations of the Committee on Healthcare
54 Associated Infections established pursuant to section 1 of this act, with
55 respect to the establishment of a mandatory reporting system for
56 healthcare associated infections and appropriate standardized
57 measures for the reporting of data related to healthcare associated
58 infections.

59 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,
60 2007, the Department of Public Health shall submit a report to the joint
61 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
62 matters relating to public health concerning the plan for implementing
63 the mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections
64 recommended by the Committee on Healthcare Associated Infections
65 pursuant to section 1 of this act, and the status of such implementation,
66 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
67 statutes.

68 (b) On or before October 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
69 department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
70 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
71 health on the information collected by the department pursuant to the
72 mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections
73 established under section 2 of this act, in accordance with the
74 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall be
75 posted on the department's Internet web site and made available to the
76 public."